



## *This Weekend In Worship*

*Watch Service Online*

*Virtual Fellowship (Saturday & Sunday)*

*Sign In For Worship*

When I was in graduate school I thought I got a sign from God. A good friend was flying out to visit me. Two days before the flight, I heard a song by James Taylor that included these words: “Lord, I’ve seen fire and I’ve seen rain.” And “sweet dreams in flying machines in pieces on the ground.” As I reflected on these words, it seemed to me to be a message about a plane crashing. Then I thought God was warning me to tell my friend not to get on that plane, because it was going to crash.

How do you know if something like this is a message from God, or just strange thoughts or a coincidence? What should I do? I prayed to God to let me know if this really was a divine message. I thought about everything I had learned about God and if this message fit with what I knew. In the end, I decided that telling my friend not to get on that plane would be giving in to superstition, not listening to the Word of God. I did not warn my friend not to get on the plane. And I sure was relieved when she walked off the plane, safe and sound.

How do you know if something is God’s message to you? How do you discern what is truly God’s will and what is not? In Scriptures like [Luke 21:29-31](#), Jesus warns against false prophets and tells us that the followers of Jesus need to learn to read the signs. Do you know how to read the signs, for your life and for our world?

We will discuss these and other issues in worship online this weekend. This weekend we will also get to worship in the sanctuary again. Reservations are necessary so we can follow Covid protocols and keep everyone safe. In the sanctuary worship this week, we will use this opportunity to talk about what it means to worship God together in the sanctuary.

I really look forward to worshipping with you this weekend.

**Pastor Kent**

**First United Methodist Church  
Virtual worship service**

March 6th, 5 pm  
March 7th, 9:30 am

Announcements

Welcome

Prelude "Poco lento, FWV 41,  
No. 5" César Franck

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" #451

Opening Prayer

Chorus "Patience"

Children's Moment

Scripture Luke 21: 29-31

Sermon Can You Read the  
Signs?

Pastoral Prayer &  
Lord's Prayer

Communion "You Satisfy my  
Hungry Heart" #629

Hymn of Commitment "Faith While Trees  
Are Still in Blossom" #508

Blessing & Sending  
Forth

Postlude "Es wolle Gott uns  
gnädig sein" Samuel Scheidt

